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ASPIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 24, 1998

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Waiver of Notice
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Chairperson's Report
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. ASAB Report
- VIII. Committee Reports

Personnel

-New Board membership

Development

-Luncheon

Programs

Finance

Public Relations

- IX Old Business *Retired / Relationship*
- X New Business
- XI Adjournment

**ASAB should be a separate entity*

- Charter Schools -

- Mercedes

- Pablo

- Gene

- Yessenia

- Henry

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 24, 1998

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

During the period January 27, 1998 to the present, the following activities were undertaken by the Executive Director:

I. FUNDRAISING/ GRANTS

1. Received letter of support from Dr. Beverly Hall for the ASPIRA/Americorps program. Financial commitment of \$18,000 for the 1997-1998 school year. (Resolution I.A)
2. Received letter of approval from MCJ Foundation for a grant of \$5,000 to support Math and Science Academy in Newark. (Resolution I.B)
3. Received letter of support and \$750.00 check from Exxon Research and Engineering Company for Math and Science Academy in Newark. (Resolution I.C)
4. Received letter of approval from City of Trenton, CDBG program for program support of Trenton center at \$3,433. (Resolution I.D)
5. Met with Karen Ott of the William Penn Foundation and submitted a proposal for their support of the Math and Science Academy in Camden.
6. Met with Dr. Grizel López-Díaz, Associate State Superintendent in Jersey City and received verbal support for the MAS grant. Submitted new proposal for financial support of ASPIRA Clubs at four more schools.
7. Submitted MAS Academy and leadership program proposals to Dr. Roy Dawson, Superintendent of Schools in Camden. Meeting is set up for 3/4/98 to discuss proposals.
8. Met with La Casa de Don Pedro and Bell Atlantic and commenced Community Threads Program with Reception at Newark Club.
9. Attended Hispanics in Higher Education (HAHE) conference on 2/20/98.
10. Started research on Charter School and received application for same.
11. Worked on promotion of Luncheon and ads for Luncheon Journal.

II. SPECIAL PROJECT/CHILD CARE CENTER

1. Received letter of approval and support from Mayor Sharpe James. (Resolution II.A.)
2. Submitted proposal/business plan to New Jersey Community Loan Fund for initial review.

PROGRAMS

1. Will continue promoting the MAS Academy to local school districts.

2. Will continue to request funds for expansion of leadership programs in selected local school districts.

III. OTHER MATTERS

1. Continued working on cosmetic changes at 390 Broad Street.
2. Met with Drake College on renting second floor.
3. Received inquiry from Newark Public Schools to conduct a Special drop-out program at second floor, combined with Teacher Resource Center.
4. *EL Clarin* to be published this week and distributed via mailing lists and schools.

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Follow-up meeting with Dr. Edwin Duroy on proposals in Paterson.
2. Meeting with Dr. Dawson in Camden.
3. Continue work and promotion of Luncheon event.
4. Meeting with Mr. James Treffinger, Essex County Executive on Child Care Center.